

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (*Currently Amended*) A cradle for a digital camera provided with connecting terminals of a first plurality of kinds, the cradle comprising:

a retainer for retaining therein a digital camera;
a shield formed at the retainer; and
a composite terminal including integrately formed connecting terminals of a second plurality of kinds,

wherein, when the digital camera is set in the cradle, the shield shields, of the connecting terminals of the first plurality of kinds, connecting terminals that are of the same kinds as the connecting terminals of the second plurality of kinds, and

the shield comprises an upper end portion and, when the digital camera is completely set in the retainer, the upper end portion of the shield substantially aligns with an upper end portion of the uppermost-positioned connecting terminal of the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield.

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2. (*Original*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield include a charging terminal and an external device connecting terminal.

3. (*Original*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein the external device connecting terminal comprises a personal computer connecting terminal.

4. (*Cancelled*)

5. (*Currently Amended*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~the shield comprises an upper end portion and, when the digital camera is completely set in the retainer,~~ the upper end portion of the shield substantially aligns with an upper end portion of the uppermost-positioned one of the charging terminal and the external device connecting terminal.

6. (*Currently Amended*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 3, wherein ~~the shield comprises an upper end portion and, when the digital camera is completely set in the retainer,~~ the upper end portion of the shield substantially aligns with an upper end portion of the uppermost-positioned one of the charging terminal and the personal computer connecting terminal.

7. (*Original*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 3, wherein the digital camera further includes an AV terminal, and the shield does not shield the AV terminal when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

8. (*Cancelled*)

9. (*Original*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 2, wherein the digital camera includes a digital camera side composite terminal having integrally formed therein connecting terminals of kinds corresponding to kinds of the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield, and the digital camera side composite terminal electrically connects to the composite terminal formed at the cradle when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

10. (*Original*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 3, wherein the digital camera includes a digital camera side composite terminal having integrally formed therein connecting terminals of kinds corresponding to kinds of the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield, and the digital camera side composite terminal electrically connects to the composite terminal formed at the cradle when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

11. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera provided with connecting terminals of a first plurality of kinds, the cradle comprising:

a retainer for retaining therein a digital camera;

a shield formed at the retainer; and

a composite terminal including integrately formed connecting terminals of a second plurality of kinds,

wherein, when the digital camera is set in the cradle, the shield shields, of the connecting terminals of the first plurality of kinds, connecting terminals that are of the same kinds as the connecting terminals of the second plurality of kinds, and

the digital camera comprises a digital camera side composite terminal having integrally formed therein connecting terminals of kinds corresponding to kinds of the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield, and the digital camera side composite terminal electrically connects to the composite terminal formed at the cradle when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

12. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield include a charging terminal and an external device connecting terminal.

13. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 12, wherein the external device connecting terminal comprises a personal computer connecting terminal.

14. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 11, wherein the digital camera further includes an AV terminal, and the shield does not shield the AV terminal when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

15. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera that comprises a first plurality of connecting terminals comprising different types of connecting terminals, the cradle comprising:

a retainer for retaining therein the digital camera;

a shield disposed at the retainer; and

a composite terminal comprising a second plurality of connecting terminals that comprises different types of connecting terminals, wherein the different types of connecting terminals are integrated together,

wherein, when the digital camera is set in the cradle, connecting terminals in the first and second plurality of connecting terminals that are of the same type are shielded by the shield, and

the shield comprises an upper end portion and, when the digital camera is completely set in the retainer, the upper end portion of the shield substantially aligns with an upper end portion of the uppermost-positioned connecting terminal of the first plurality of connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield.

16. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 15, wherein the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield include a charging terminal and an external device connecting terminal.

17. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 15, wherein the digital camera further comprises an AV terminal, and the shield does not shield the AV terminal when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

18. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera that comprises a first plurality of connecting terminals comprising different types of connecting terminals, the cradle comprising:

a retainer for retaining therein the digital camera;

a shield disposed at the retainer; and

a composite terminal comprising a second plurality of connecting terminals that comprises different types of connecting terminals, wherein the different types of connecting terminals are integrated together,

wherein, when the digital camera is set in the cradle, connecting terminals in the first and second plurality of connecting terminals that are of the same type are shielded by the shield, and

the digital camera comprises a digital camera side composite terminal having integrally disposed therein connecting terminals corresponding to the type of connecting terminals shielded

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by the shield, and the digital camera side composite terminal electrically connects to the composite terminal formed at the cradle when the digital camera is set in the retainer.

19. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 18, wherein the connecting terminals that are shielded by the shield include a charging terminal and an external device connecting terminal.

20. (*New*) A cradle for a digital camera as claimed in claim 18, wherein the digital camera further comprises an AV terminal, and the shield does not shield the AV terminal when the digital camera is set in the retainer.